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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
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Takaaki MURATA et al. ) Group Art Unit: 1711  
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Application No.: 09/899,929 ) Examiner: T. Tran  
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Filed: July 9, 2001 )  
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For: OZONIZING UNIT, OZONE )  
GENERATOR AND OZONE- )  
PROCESSING SYSTEM )

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Sir:

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

In a restriction requirement dated February 4, 2003, the period for response to which extends one month thereafter through March 4, 2003, the Examiner required restriction under 35 U.S.C. § 121 between Group I, claims 20 and 21, Group II, claim 22, and Group III, claims 36-44 (Office Action, p. 2). Applicants provisionally elect to prosecute Group III, claims 36-44, characterized by the Examiner as drawn to an ozonizing unit.

Additionally, if Group III were elected, the Examiner required further restriction between Species a, Species b, and Species c. Applicants provisionally elect to prosecute Species a, characterized by the Examiner as "an ozonizing unit comprising a hot electrode and a stray electrode, each having linear electrode elements formed on one surface of a dielectric substrate, and a back electrode formed on the other surface

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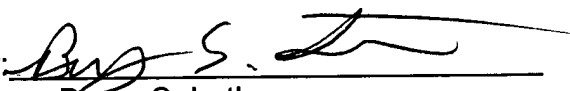
of the dielectric" (Office Action, p. 5). Applicants submit that claims 36-41 are readable on provisionally elected Species a.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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